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AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

In response to the July 17, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 12, replace paragraph beginning on line 6 as per the Attachments A and B.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33 and 35 as per the Attachments C and D.

REMARKS

Attachment A highlights amendments to the paragraph beginning on line 6 of page 12 and Attachment B is a clean copy of the amended paragraph.

Attachment C highlights amendments to claim 1, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33 and 35 and Attachment D is a clean copy of the amended claims.

Applicant has amended the claims to further define the invention. The claims have been amended to make it clear that the protective layer is attached to the hot face of the furnace lining. The alternative language "and/or" has been removed from the claims, as well as the wording "plate-like" and "block-like". Claims 1-19, 21-27, 29-